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Alamance Co.



# ALAMANCE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

## Industrial Summary

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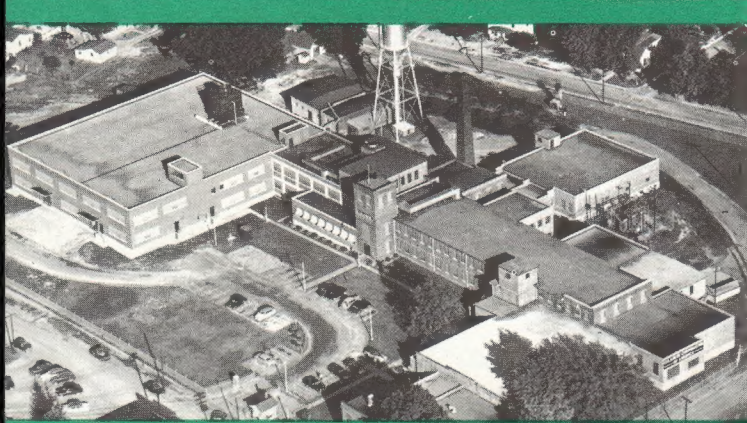
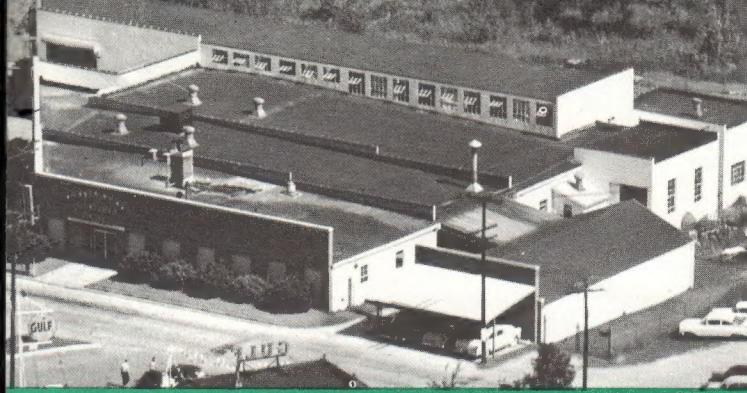


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## A PRIME INDUSTRIAL AREA

The Alamance County area contains hundreds of available industrial sites, many with rail service. The topography is such that large manufacturing plants may be constructed without excessive grading costs. These excellent industrial sites, with ample power, a pleasant climate, wholesome living conditions, a fine municipal airport and overnight transportation to leading markets in the nation, make Alamance County an ideal area for industrial expansion.

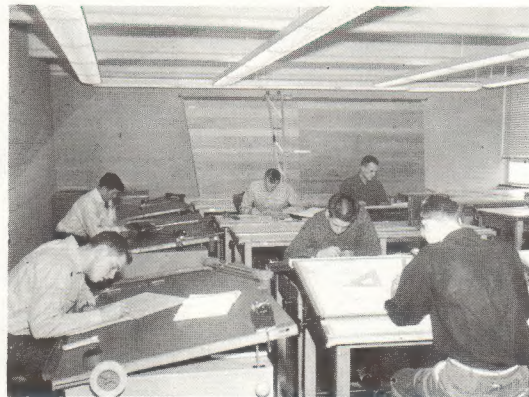
The people of Alamance County are proud of the progress made by local manufacturers, and they cooperate well with newcomers who may wish to locate in this area. On this page are shown a few of the many manufacturers who have located in Alamance County.





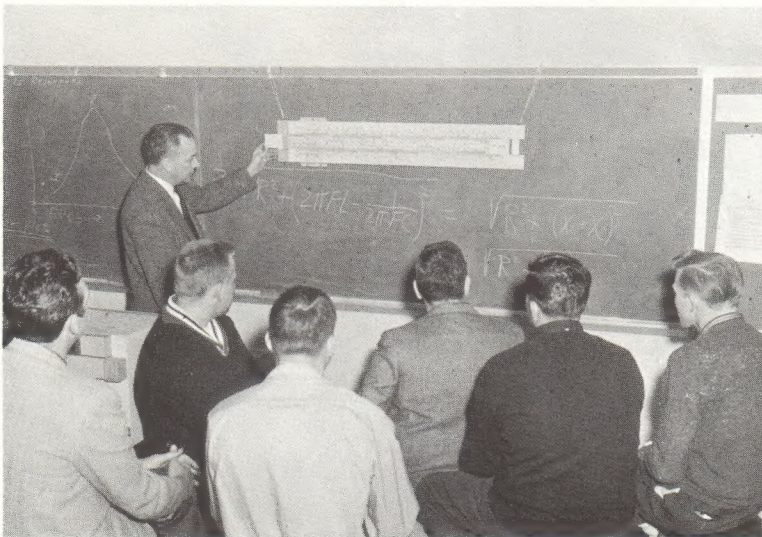
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## COURSES

### MAJOR

- Auto Mechanics
- Electronics-Radio-TV Service
- Industrial Chemistry
- Industrial Drafting
- Knitter Machine Fixing
- Looper Training
- Loom Fixing
- Machine Shop
- Refrigeration-Air Conditioni
- Sheet Metal
- Shop Mechanics
- Tool Design

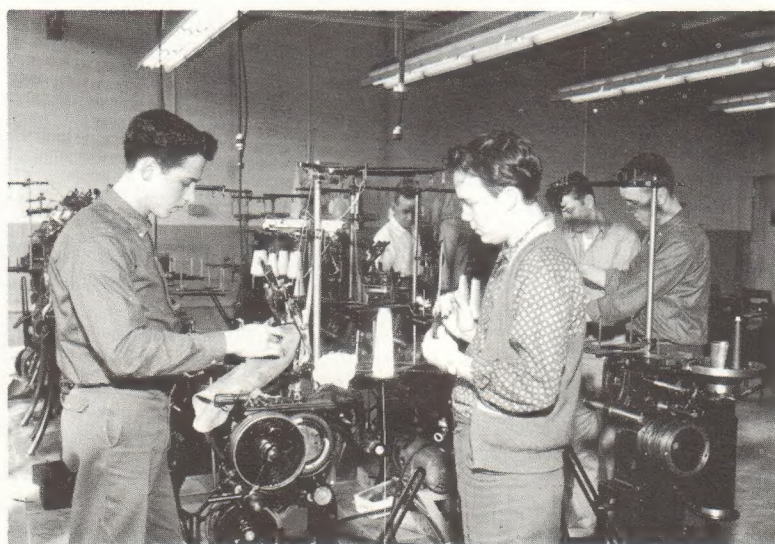
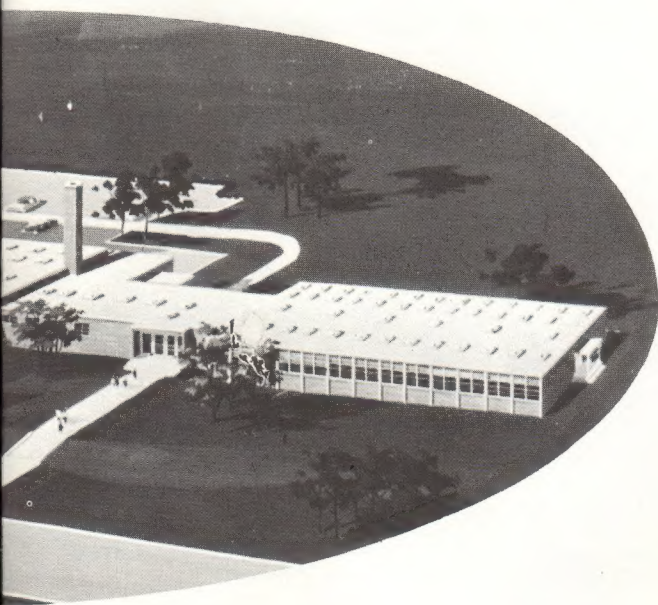




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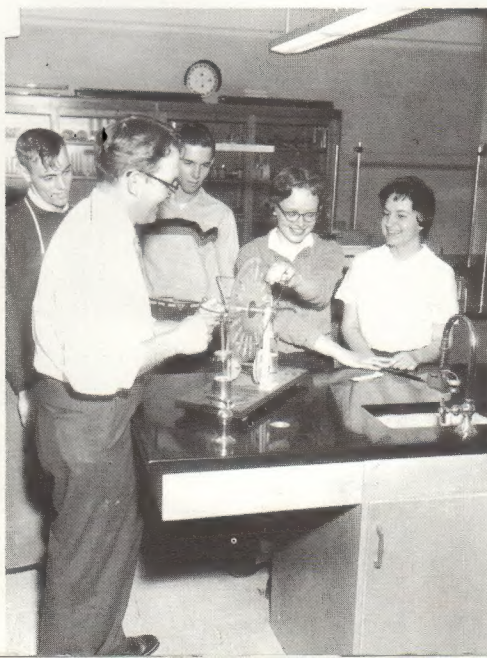
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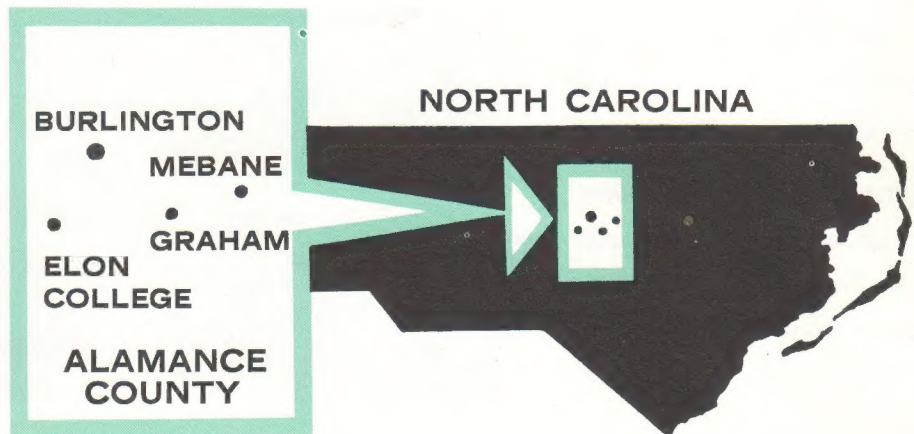
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Automotive Tune-up  
Automatic Transmissions  
Contracts & Specifications  
Industrial Economics  
Industrial Electricity  
Report Writing  
Service Station Management  
Slide Rule Instruction  
Radio & TV Service, I & II  
Yarn & Fabrics Analysis





## An Ideal Location

Alamance County, located in the heart of the famous Piedmont section of North Carolina, has all the advantages necessary to industrial prosperity. An ample supply of electricity is assured by the modern facilities of Duke Power Company, and natural gas is provided by Piedmont Gas Company. Southern Bell provides excellent telephone service. Fast shipping service, both rail and motor lines, is available to other sections of the country. Paved roads make all plants in the area accessible in any weather.



## Finger-Tip Facts About Alamance County:

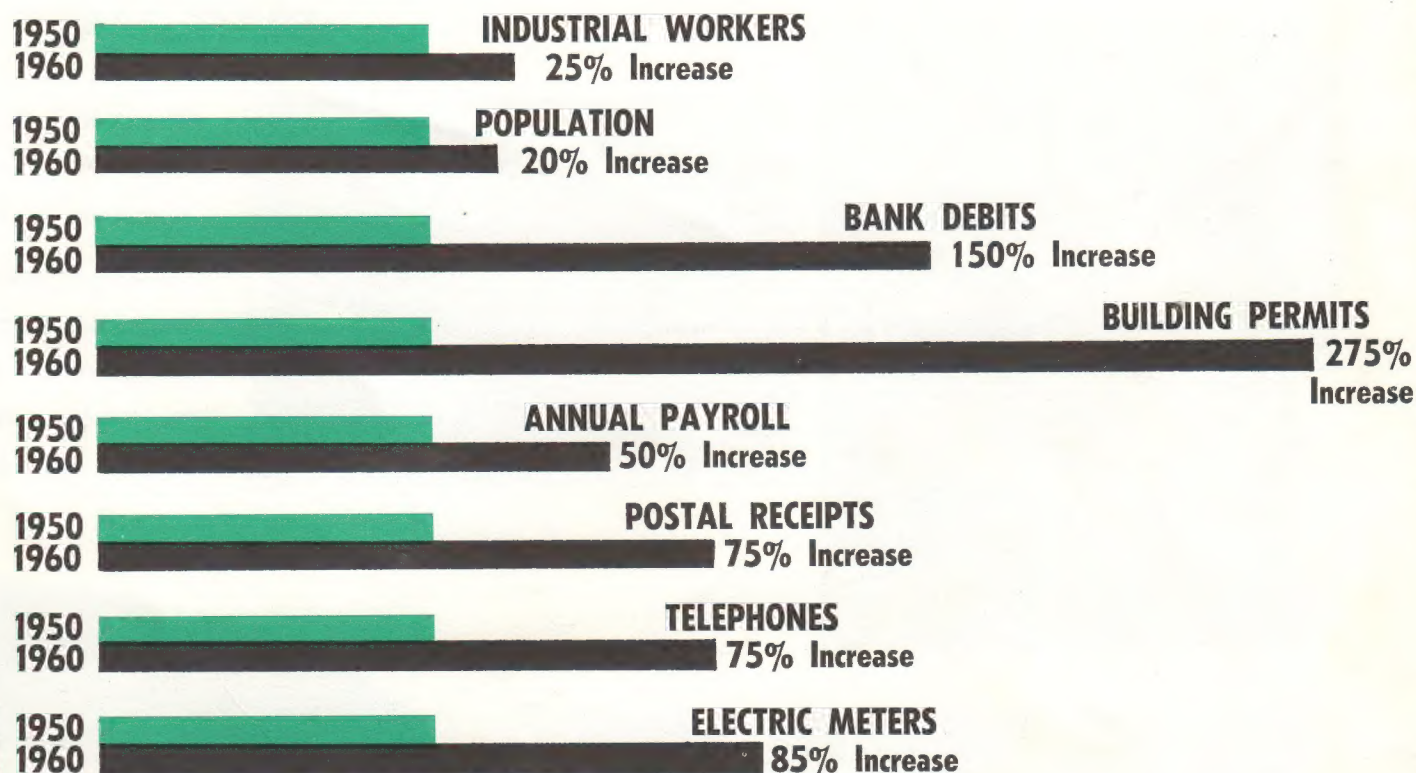
<b>ALTITUDE . . . . .</b>	656 feet above sea level.
<b>AGRICULTURE ..</b>	108,357 acres under cultivation with high yields from fertile soils. 24% of acreage planted in corn, 31% in other grains, 8% in tobacco, 20% in hay crops and 17% in all other crops.
<b>CHURCHES . . . . .</b>	150 church buildings representing 20 denominations.
<b>CLIMATE . . . . .</b>	Temperate. Annual rainfall—50.21 inches. Mean temperature—61.3 degrees. Annual snowfall—7 inches. Annual humidity—1:30 A. M. —54; 7:30 A. M. —82; 1:30 P.M. —83, 7:30 P. M. —69.
<b>GOVERNMENT ..</b>	Five County Commissioners and other constitutional officers. Assessed property valuation \$157,000,000.00 (at one-third actual value). Property tax rate is \$1.40 per hundred dollars.
<b>HISTORY . . . . .</b>	Settled about 1700 with immigration of colonies from northern territory, principally Scotch-Irish, German and English Quakers who offered first resistance to British Crown in 1771.
<b>HOMES . . . . .</b>	Total of 21,600 units in Alamance County.
<b>INDUSTRY . . . . .</b>	Annual payroll \$125,000,000.00. Majority of workers are employed in hosiery, textile and related fields, and electronics. Total employment in industry—20,500.
<b>LOCATION . . . . .</b>	Midway between Blue Ridge Mountains and Atlantic Ocean, in the heart of the Industrial Piedmont section of North Carolina. Adjacent to North Carolina Research Triangle.
<b>PRESS-RADIO ..</b>	One newspaper, Daily Times-News, with audited circulation of 20,000. Affiliated with Associated Press, King Features, NEA Service, Special reporters throughout North Carolina. One 5,000 watt radio station—WBBB (AM-FM), member of Mutual and Keystone networks. WBAG (AM-FM) 1000 watt A.M., 2800 watt F.M.
<b>POPULATION ...</b>	Total population, 1960 census, Alamance County—85,376. Incorporated towns: Burlington—34,600; Graham—8,000; Mebane—4100; Elon College—1400. 99% native born.
<b>RETAIL TRADE ..</b>	More than 800 retail outlets. Annual volume in excess of \$88,000,000.00. Complete line of commodities and services at economical prices. Per capita purchasing power among highest in the South. Population of Retail Trade Area—approximately 150,000.
<b>SCHOOLS . . . . .</b>	Alamance County School System consists of 10 high schools and 23 elementary schools. Burlington School System consists of 2 high schools, 3 junior high schools; 9 elementary schools and 2 industrial education centers. Elon College, with a student body of 1600.
<b>THE FUTURE ...</b>	Bright. Excellent prospects for industrial, trade, cultural and educational development. Come and join us and enjoy living and working in Alamance County.

For additional information concerning business and industrial opportunities, available locations and facilities, write:

Burlington Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 411,  
Burlington, North Carolina



# Alamance County's Growth — 1950-1960



## A Look at the Future!



The citizens of Alamance County look to the future with enthusiasm, confident that their area will continue to make progress in the years ahead. The Alamance County area has everything needed for industrial and cultural advancement, including an ample supply of labor eager to give an honest day's work for a fair return. The County population, 99% native born, is primarily of English, Scotch and German origin. These people are healthy and intelligent and are easily trained in the skills required in manufacturing processes. Over 80% of the workers in Alamance County own their homes, an important factor in the development of industrial stability. Burlington and Graham have Council-City Manager forms of government and Elon College and Mebane have Manager and Alderman forms of government. These governments are sound, economical and progressive. The communities in Alamance County can boast of excellent schools, splendid hospital facilities and well developed recreational programs. Alamance County is truly a good place in which to live, prosper and enjoy life.